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PATENTIN THE CLAIMS:

- 1.. (Canceled)
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6. (Canceled)
7. (Canceled)
8. (Currently Amended) ~~A process as set forth in claim 1~~
~~wherein said boric acid is introduced for manufacturing a~~
~~cellulosic paper product, the process comprising:~~
forming an aqueous suspension of papermaking fibers;
introducing boric acid into said aqueous suspension in an
amount from about 5 to about 20% by weight of papermaking fibers
present in said aqueous suspension;
depositing said aqueous suspension onto a sheet-forming
fabric to form a wet web; and
through-drying said wet web by passing heated air through
said wet web.
9. (Previously Presented) A process as set forth in claim 8
wherein said boric acid is introduced into said aqueous
suspension in an amount from about 10 to about 15% by weight of
papermaking fibers present in said aqueous suspension.
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17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) A process ~~as set forth in claim 15~~
~~wherein said boric acid is introduced for making a cellulosic~~
paper product, the process comprising:

forming an aqueous suspension of papermaking fibers;
introducing boric acid into said aqueous suspension in an
amount ranging from about 5 to about 20% by weight of papermaking
fibers present in said aqueous suspension;

depositing said aqueous suspension onto a sheet-forming
fabric to form a wet web, said boric acid being introduced into
said aqueous suspension prior to depositing said aqueous
suspension onto said sheet-forming fabric; and

through-drying said wet web by passing heated air through
said wet web.

19. (Original) A process as set forth in claim 18 wherein
said boric acid is introduced into said aqueous suspension in an
amount ranging from about 10 to about 15% by weight of
papermaking fibers present in said aqueous suspension.

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22. (Canceled)
23. (Canceled)
24. (Canceled)
25. (Canceled)
26. (Previously Presented) A process for manufacturing a cellulosic paper product, the process comprising:
forming an aqueous suspension of papermaking fibers;
introducing boric acid into said aqueous suspension in an amount from about 5 to about 20% by weight of papermaking fibers present in said aqueous suspension;
depositing said aqueous suspension onto a sheet-forming fabric to form a wet web, said boric acid being introduced into said aqueous suspension prior to depositing said aqueous suspension onto said sheet-forming fabric; and
dewatering and drying said wet web.
27. (Previously Presented) A process as set forth in claim 26 wherein said boric acid is introduced into said aqueous suspension in an amount from about 10 to about 15% by weight of papermaking fiber present in said aqueous suspension.
28. (Previously Presented) A process as set forth in claim 26 wherein said wet web is through-dried by passing heated air through said wet web.